Mr Harold Weisberg,

Dear Friend: Please note the condition of the envelope in which you sent me a copy of your latest book I have preserved it for you in exactly the torn open condition in which it reached me.

The book fell free of the envelope when I merely held it up by its two left corners.

I wonder at the sloppiness of those g.d. POD Inspectors who do this sort of thing when the means are available to them to do an undetectable job of it. I wonder if their shrunken peanut minds think they accomplish anything by such clumsy snooping. This is my first experience in recent years although the enclosed envelope based on several such incidents in the Joe McCarthy days was derived from just such an incident - or rather several of them - over a period of six months or so.

This sort of thing only confirms me in the belief the enclosed Ramparts editorial was right. As our own Barry Goldwater says in effect: "Save the Army and its Generals; TO HELL WITH THE NATION !"

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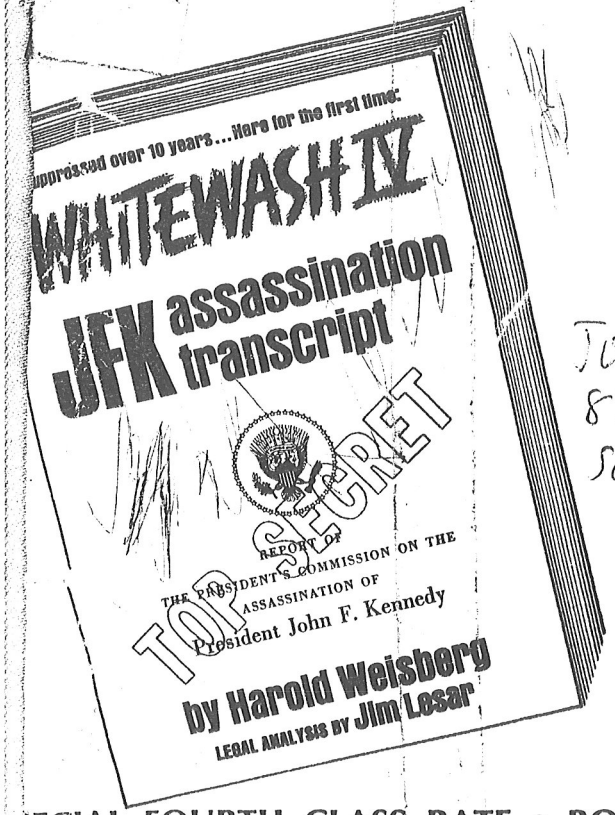

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WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD !

Well! Well! Well! President Gerald R Ford is now "running scared" (as did President Johnson before him) with appointment of his hand-picked "Yellow Ribbon Rockefeller-Reagan Cover Up Commission" to investigate the nation's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of world-wide ill fame.

Windy Rocky modestly proclaims he has exactly the "right experience" to ask all the "right questions" of CIA officials and/or employees who have always been under instructions to deliberately lie - even under oath - to investigators when they deemed it necessary to prevent identification of CIA employees or prevent the disclosure of CIA activities. This, of course, is wonderful - for CIA - since if the Rockefeller claim to intelligence expertise is true, it proves Windy Rocky is exactly the right man who will cooperate with the CIA in order to avoid asking any "embarrassing questions" which officials of the CIA might not wish to answer, but which the American public should know.

Perhaps Windy Rocky does have secret knowledge of the CIA's inner workings that he is not telling ! Why else his own glorification of his selection for this juicy "cover up" assignment ?

Has President Ford's prior experience as a proud member of the former "Yellow Ribbon Warren-ford Cover Up Commission" charged by President Johnson with investigation of the assassination of President John F Kennedy, alerted him to the political dangers of such investigations by impartial and independent-minded persons not directly under the President's thumb ?

COVER UP the Assassination of a President! COVER UP the Criminal Conspiracy of a President and others in the Watergate episode! COVER UP CIA's indicated conspiracy in both the foregoing, as well as other conspiracies and crimes by paranoid maniacs in high public office against foreign governments and against the American people directly! ALL WITH WHITE HOUSE BLESSING!

Presumably President Gerald R Ford, posing as a proud and well-informed former member of the Yellow Ribbon Warren-ford Cover Up Commission, knows full well that in the "top secret" meetings of that commission, no effort was ever made to critically review and examine the evidence available to it, but instead concerned itself only with concocting a plausable but fictitious theory of the assassination - completely contrary to vital known facts - only to dupe the American people and discourage further investigation by others.

Is this the precedent behind President Gerald R Ford's present desperation and imitative personal rush (a la Johnson) to "cover up" intrigues (both foreign and domestic) by the CIA, with his newly appointed Yellow Ribbon Rockefeller-Reagan Cover Up Commission ?

Will all the nation's Plutocrats Assembled of our Know Bull Fourth Estate, who not so long ago subsidized the condensed version of the Official Report of the Yellow Ribbon Warren-ford Cover Up Commission widely distributed nationwide at less than publication cost by newspaper offices throughout the country, once again deluge the American people with false propaganda to gain acceptance of the pre-determined findings of President Ford's Yellow Ribbon Rockefeller-Reagan Cover Up Commission ?

A remarkable analysis of our times and prophecy based thereon, appeared on the editorial page of Ramparts magazine in 1970. It concluded as follows:

> "The system cannot be revitalized; it must be overthrown. As humanely as possible, but by any means necessary."

Subsequent events known to all would seem to justify the charge. Is the proposed solution indeed a prophecy "whose time has come" ?

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CONSPIRACY - IN OPEN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW !

May 6, 1974

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Sir: The purpose of this memorandum is to directly call to your attention, the unsavory legal implications of the Billy Graham Crusade of May 5-12, 1974; now being unlawfully held on government (state owned) property utilizing the Sun Devil Stadium connected with Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

This has been promoted and staged by a DELIBERATE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO SUBVERT THE LAW IN ARIZONA, on the part of at least the following identified conspirators and their supporters:

ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS: who despite prior legal advice and knowledge that their subsequent action was illegal, completely reversed their original and legal decision upon openly exerted political pressure by Governor Jack Williams, the Attorney General Gary Nelson, and others unknown; to OPENLY SUBVERT THE LAW in order to permit the unlawful leasing of Sun Devil Stadium to promoters of the Billy Graham Crusade for strictly religious activities.

GOVERNOR JACK WILLIAMS: who publicly attacked the lawful decision of the Arizona Board of Regents and thereby intimidated the members thereof to compel its consent to a patently unlawful act of permissive use of public property for religious activities.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GARY NELSON: who ostensibly "researched" the law to arrive at a conclusion based only upon a single decision in Florida which upheld the unlawful course the Governor was determined to pursue, completely disregarding legal decisions in numerous other states and in the federal courts to the contrary. Even the weak decision thus cited admitted the law to the contrary, but excused the specific infraction because the surrounding circumstances were limited and unimportant, a situation which hardly parallels the widely publicized Billy Graham Crusade in Tempe.

THE CRIMINAL ORTHODOX CLERGY OF ARIZONA: who openly incited hysterical mob support and pressure upon the state's highest elected officials to approve of and permit their DELIBERATE SUBVERSION OF THE LAW !

THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE COMMITTEE: which actively suborned public officials to SUBVERT THE LAW IN ARIZONA !

THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT: which, under obvious political pressure from Governor Jack Williams and his criminal co-conspirators, unanimously joined in a "decision" obviously intended to support the proposed SUBVERSION OF THE LAW - NOT TO ENFORCE IT - merely to appease the religious mobsters incited and led by the CRIMINAL ORTHODOX CLERGY OF ARIZONA; possibly to avoid the outbreak of incited mob violence.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY: a gentleman, presumably a Fannin or Goldwater appointee, who has convenieniently "looked the other way" while this and other patently visible violations of federal law widespread in Arizona were occurring under his very nose, and which the present Attorney General has publicly boasted were knowingly permitted by state officials for uncounted decades in the past.

This is "law enforcement" in Barry Goldwater's own Arizona. With such brazen examples of DELIBERATE NON-ENFORCEMENT, what respect can the average citizen have for those elected officials who have campaigned upon platforms pledging "law enforcement" and for those knowledgeable party leaders who have tolerated this situation ?

Arizona, as the foregoing shows, is ruled by force and uninhibited MOB LAW incited and led by its CRIMINAL ORTHODOX CLERGY. Since it is evident that under such leadership the LAWS OF THIS NATION WILL NOT AND CANNOT BE LEGALLY ENFORCED, the only possible defense and response possible is COUNTER VIOLENCE, as much as most of us would wish it otherwise. How much all this also applies to the nation as a whole is still somewhat uncertain, but Watergate in all its many ramifications, appears to follow the same general pattern except only that the Clergy does not appear equally involved.

This appears to be pretty much the classic riddle of the chicken and the egg - which came first, i.e., the tyrant before the priest, or the priest before the tyrant. The only thing certain is that both are immediately involved.

Will all those who have been the most insistent upon "law enforcement" in the abstract, be the first to make it impossible in areas where they disapprove ?

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Member, Society of Separationists

cc: Sen Barry Goldwater
Rep John J Rhodes
Other Americans United
Arizona CLU
Arizonans for Peace,
and others.

IN GAWD WE TRUST!

"There is in every village a lighted torch, the schoolmaster; and a mouth to blow it out. the parson."—Victor Hugo.

ONLY THE BIBLEWASHED, BILLY, WHO CANNOT THINK FOR THEMSELVES !

Everyone needs leader, Graham says

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By GENE LUPTAK
Republic Religion Editor

TEMPE—When Americans elect a president of the United States "we want him to be a god," someone who has all the answers to life's complex problems, evangelist Billy Graham said Monday night.

"Everyone needs a leader, everyone needs someone to fall on," Dr. Graham told about 20,000 persons assembled in Sun Devil Stadium. The evangelist is conducting an eight-day crusade here.

"The problem with America is that rather than face reality we are looking for a god to crawl out of the woodwork to save us," Dr. Graham said.

Jesus Christ was the perfect man, Dr. Graham said, and Jesus "is the man we are all looking for."

"He (Jesus) never committed a sin," Dr. Graham said. "He never said a swear word, never had lustful thought, the perfect man, the man we are all looking for."

He said that during the last five years there has been a widespread religious preoccupation among millions of American youth.

"The main thrust of this new movement among young people appears to be occurring largely unnoticed in colleges and universities with thousands of students renouncing a secular life-style for a disciplined adherence to the basic tenets of Biblical faith," he added.

Gov. Williams appeared on the platform with Dr. Graham and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Crusade officials estimated about 1,000 persons responded to Dr. Graham's invitation to make "a decision for Jesus Christ."

THE LONG TAIL OF THE ONE-EYED JACKASS !

THE CHRIST MYTH !

BUG SPECIAL

Nixon ?

WHAT THINKERS THINK !

IN GAWD WE TRUST!?

"What does God mean to me? Not a damned thing! Religion is all bunk." — Thomas A Edison.

"As men's prayers are a disease of the will, so are their creeds a disease of the intellect." —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"I cannot imagine a god who rewards and punishes the objects of his own creation." — Albert Einstein.

T H E P U L L I A M P A R T Y !!!

After viewing and listening to the contemptibly cheap and nauseating assault on viewer intelligence by those who rigged the puerile charade by President Ford at the "Pulliam party" of the SPJ-SDX* Convention in Phoenix on November 14, 1974 (broadcast with much oomph by the local CBS affiliate); with its ersatz "news conference"of sticky sweetness and tired platitudes, I am impelled to endorse the sentiments expressed by the editorial in Ramparts magazine in 1970 (see following page).

This is no reflection on the intelligence of the great majority of the seated delegates to the SPJ-SDX Convention, however, since it was quite obvious, even to the TV viewer, that the only audible applause for President Ford's remarks came from a very small group of some 30 to 50 local VIPs - seemingly inebriated Ford/Rhodes political supporters, prominently seated in a small center section of the auditorium directly in front of the rostrum (and the speaker's microphones), while the vast majority of the visible seated delegates did not applaud.

When a President of the United States thus feels compelled to waste his time and lend himself to such tawdry exhibitions as the one held in Phoenix, in order to secure a favorable captive audience for his inane remarks, he only furnishes visible proof of the "low degree of intelligence by which the United States is governed" (as Lord Bryce once wisely observed); and of the growing public recognition thereof as the recent "Watergate Referendum" has indicated.

The obviously rigged "news conference" of sweetly phrased platitudes did its sponsors and the local CBS-TV outlet no credit. In protection of its national and international news-coverage prestige, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) could enhance its local image enormously among intelligent viewers by dispensing with its present Phoenix affiliate dedicated to religious propaganda IN OPEN CONTEMPT OF THE LAW, and whose local news jockeys played a prominent part in the ersatz "news conference" described above.

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*SPJ-SDX: Society of Professional Journalists / Sigma Delta Chi

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the country is all but certain to receive some fearful shocks in the next year. Everything in Congress will then depend upon how the country responds to these shocks.

Where will our inept Gerald be next year when the shocks strike, flying away to the Moon ?

"THE SYSTEM CANNOT BE REVITALIZED; IT MUST BE OVERTHROWN."

[EDITORIAL]

A Tract for Our Time

IN THIS ISSUE OF RAMPARTS we have taken the unusual step of devoting the entire issue to a single work —Tom Hayden's forthcoming book on the Chicago Trial and the tasks of the new American Revolution. As we go to press in mid-May, America is in a state of crisis. U.S. troops have invaded Cambodia, exposing Washington's determination to stay in Vietnam and increasing the likelihood of war with China and the use of nuclear weapons. National Guardsmen still occupy rebellious communities throughout the country; the four white students they murdered at Kent State University have become martyrs, but the six blacks they shot in the back in Augusta are already forgotten—indeed, they were hardly noticed by a society so racist it does not understand that race war, initiated by the guardians of its law, has already begun.

Yet out of this fragmented kaleidoscope of rebellion and repression, the political opposition of America's young people has in one stroke achieved results at the national level significantly affecting the Administration's ability to extend the war in Asia. For the first time young people have glimpsed the potential strength of their united outrage. Naturally a move has already been made to diffuse their energies by inviting them to fall in line behind established liberal leaders, many of whom architected the war they now profess to deplore. However, the students, realizing the magnitude of their power, have taken their own course of action, shutting down their universities, colleges and even high schools behind their own demands. These demands, ratified by one student body after another, have been largely ignored by the mass media. They are:

- That the U.S. government end its systematic repression of political dissidents and release all political prisoners, such as Bobby Seale and others in the Black Panther Party.
- That the U.S. government cease its expansion of the Vietnam war into Laos and Cambodia and that it unilaterally and immediately withdraw all forces from Southeast Asia.
- That universities end their complicity with the U.S. War Machine by an immediate end to defense and counter-insurgency research, ROTC, and all other such programs.

In making these demands on a racist, war-bent society, the students have proved themselves to be far ahead of the liberal politicians now seeking to channel youthful rebellion into the cul-de-sac of Establishment politics. It is essential that the students recognize *in themselves* the force that can lead the struggle for the future.

WE ARE NOW FACING a whole range of crises, any one of which could permanently and profoundly alter the course of American history and threaten our individual lives and liberties. Together they constitute a social crisis so pervasive and profound as to lift the prospect of revolution from the realm of utopian speculation and raise it as a real political alternative. We believe such a revolution to be necessary. For this reason, we have opened the pages of the magazine to the thoughts of one of the country's most serious revolutionaries and to a book which we feel is one of the most important literary and political events of our time.

A founder of Students for a Democratic Society, an early civil rights activist in Mississippi, a community organizer in Newark's black ghetto during the bloody insurrection in the summer of 1966, a victim of the police riot in Chicago in 1968 and interred in Judge Julius Hoffman's neon oven a year later, Tom Hayden has been an important member of a generation which has moved from the stony silence of the '50s to the militant protest of the '60s and the resistance of the present. In *The Trial*, Hayden describes the forces that caused this transition. He also gives insights into the process that culminated in confrontation with Mayor Daley's police state. Hayden's is the first complete account by a defendant of what took place inside Hoffman's courtroom: how the "conspirators" differed but were able to come together to plot a common defense; how they "educated" their attorneys; how they reacted to the horrific spectacle of Bobby Seale being bound and gagged.

But this book is more than an anecdotal account of one of America's most historic courtroom dramas. For Hayden feels that the trial was the turning point for an entire generation, and his work thus becomes a common-sense indictment of a system which reveals itself to be not only bankrupt but lethal. It is a primer for revolution addressed to those who see themselves as revolutionaries, those who have worked unflaggingly—and unsuccessfully—for reform through "legitimate" channels, and those only now moving from the sidelines of history to active, outraged opposition.

WE FEEL THAT the coming months can only increase the relevance of this document. The Nixon era, so clearly the fulfillment of everything latent in the American nightmare, will inevitably shatter the illusions of the ecology activists, civil libertarians and liberals who think that the evils of the system can be cured after one or two or a dozen McCarthy campaigns. Over the coming months they too will discover what Hayden and those who made the New Left discovered during a decade: that America's "democratic institutions" are both undemocratic and corrupt beyond redemption; that elections in the present framework are only a way of manipulating despair; and that we, like our land, exist for the benefit of those who have the money to buy us.

We have come a long way in our understanding of America, and the message at the end of the road allows for no more self-deception. "Instead of hoping for a revival of the liberal politics that failed in the Sixties or for a political savour," Tom Hayden writes in the following pages, "we see in our protest movement the seeds from which to create our own future institutions of government." This is what the agonizing, bloody and disillusioning decade just past has taught. It is a lesson that will only be reinforced by the Nixon era's attempt to return us to the fear and trembling of the '50s. The system cannot be revitalized; it must be overthrown. As humanely as possible, but by any means necessary.

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The Divinely Inspired Revelations of Arizona's Great Prayer-meetin' Minority Leader of the Watergate Party in Congress, Rep. John J. Rhodes ! What great angelic wings thou must be presumed to wear beneath thy coat, oh Minority Leader John J Rhodes !

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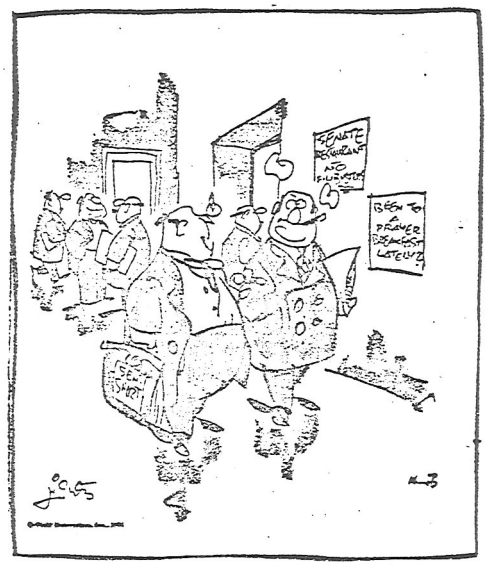

"I find these congressional prayer breakfasts very beneficial . . . . I don't feel half as guilty about all those election promises I made."

1. "I've only been in the position (Minority Leader) a year so I won't be blamed for Watergate or the losses in last week's election."

   This statement implies the prior incumbent Minority Leader should be suspect of sharing the blame for Watergate, either by cooperative silence or actual collusion in the Watergate matter and the ensuing "cover up". Thus Minority Leader John J Rhodes points the finger of suspicion at his former prayer-meetin' crony, President Gerald Ford ! Thus sayeth Minority Leader John Judas Rhodes !

   Could this be the hidden reason for President Ford's precipitous "pardon" of ex-President Richard M. Nixon ?

2. "Rhodes *** called on public schools and colleges to teach the free enterprise system and the republic form of government."

   Thus John Judas Rhodes seeks to prostitute the nation's educational system by transforming it into a public supported propaganda mill for private commercial interests, to "brainwash" our children on the glories of our alleged "free enterprise system" of the nation's trusts and monopolies under our extra-legal and monopolistic "two party system" which in earlier years, fostered and promoted by outrageous "protective tariff laws", the very trusts and monopolies which have plundered and raped the nation for so long and continue to do so.

   Thus John Judas Rhodes seeks to perpetuate the influence of the extra-legal and commercialized "two party system" always subservient to the largest pocketbook from which the present total corruption and rottenness of our government, only partially exposed by Watergate, has sprung.

3. "the founding fathers explicitly gave the U. S. president the power to pardon." Thus Minority Leader John Judas Rhodes evades the issue: what is the legal definition of the word "pardon" as used in the Constitution ?

   It is questionable if the historical meaning of the word "pardon" is the same as that given it by President Gerald Ford (acting without legal advice) and his political supporters.

Rhodes says he expects to remain minority leader

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Southern Arizona Bureau

TUCSON — Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz., said Sunday night he doesn't believe young liberals in Congress will succeed in ousting him as House minority leader.

"I'd be surprised if there is a serious move to unseat me," Rhodes said during a question and answer session at the Sunday Evening Forum at the University of Arizona. "I've only been in the position a year so I won't be blamed for Watergate or the losses in last week's election."

Rhodes was elected leader without opposition to fill the job left vacant when former President Richard Nixon picked Gerald Ford as his vice president.

Rep. Peter Peyser, R-N.Y., last week called on Rhodes to resign. Peyser, a third-term congressman from the suburbs of New York City, said Rhodes failed to support urban legislative needs, particularly mass transit, education and housing.

Earlier Rhodes, in a speech, called on public schools and colleges to teach the free enterprise system and the republic form of government.

The congressman, elected to his 12th term Tuesday, said the word profit has become a "four-letter word" and that many don't understand the U.S. Constitution.

He said wide publicity is given to the oil companies, for example, which increased their profits last year by about 100 per cent.

"For years the oil companies didn't make enough money. When you earn only 2 per cent profit and it goes up 100 per cent, that still only means 4 per cent, which isn't enough equity for investment into oil refineries after the stockholders are paid. We had a gasoline shortage last year partially because there wasn't enough refinery capacity to refine the oil we did have."

Rhodes said his office received many letters saying Ford exceeded his constitutional powers by pardoning Nixon.

"But the founding fathers explicitly gave the U.S. president power to pardon," adding that Ford exercised this right "because the country would have become mesmerized during the trial of a former president." He said finding an impartial jury would have been nearly impossible.

"You would need to choose people who've been asleep like Rip Van Winkle."

Rhodes said he thinks the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller as vice president will be settled before Congress adjourns.

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The correct legal meaning of the word "pardon" as used in the Constitution is up to the Courts to determine, not by politically motivated and unsupported claims of Minority Leader John Judas Rhodes and his prayer-meetin' cronies, inclusive of President Gerald Ford acting hastily and without seeking proper legal advice.

Words and phrases have ways of changing in accepted meaning over extended periods of time, and specific words or phrases written into old laws or in the Constitution may not have the same meaning legally that current usage gives to them. On numerous past occasions the U S Supreme Court has exhaustively and meticulously traced the original meanings attached to specific words and phrases as used by the nation's early lawmakers and framers of the Constitution many years before, in their effort to determine the exact meaning and intent of those who wrote the law in question.

There is today serious question if the term "pardon" was ever previously used or intended in the sense of forgiveness of alleged crimes prior to any determination of guilt by "due process of law" through the Courts. Whatever the exact meaning to be attached to the word "pardon" as used in the Constitution depends entirely upon the intent of the "founding fathers" who created the Constitution originally, NOT upon ex post facto interpretations by politically motivated members of Congress or their supporters.

This obviously political interpretation by the Ford Clan in the Congress intended to dangerously extend the powers of the Presidency, obviously intrudes upon the Judicial Function of our government and transgresses the intended Constitutional "separation of powers" by bestowing upon the President the authority to pre-judge - with or without evidence or proof - who shall be tried or not tried for his alleged crimes.

To accept the interpretations of President Ford and his former crony, Minority Leader John Judas Rhodes, would be a dagger struck to the very heart of all efforts at uniform law enforcement and "equal justice" in our Courts and jeopardize if not destroy "law and order" throughout the nation.

HITLER TOO WAS A KNOBLE KATHOLICK !

A Roman Katholick postal employee in Oklahoma City has declared it is commonplace for regular postal employees to open and examine the contents of First Class mail without authority and in open violation of postal laws and regulations! Is 5c postage now required to pay for this extra Katholick inspection of private communications ?

The local Chief of Police by historical Katholick Gestapo methods harrasses, intimidates, arrests and holds without bond many innocent citizens guilty of no chargeable crime, and publicly sneers at efforts to stop this open denial of Civil Rights!

ALL HEIL to OKLAHOMA CITY, U.S.A. !!

City of American Freedom, or City of the

KATHOLICK GESTAPO ???

By Order of John XXIII ???
or the Jesuit CIA ???